



NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of all the pending claims, as set forth in the Final Office Action mailed March 27, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$155.00 (small entity fee) is attached to cover the fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1129.

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